

3-12-02**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes its urban environment is irreplaceable and fragile, and must be preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a national event established in 1970 to increase people's understanding of their environment and mobilize support for its protection; and

WHEREAS, there are approaches and technologies all of us can learn about and incorporate into our daily lives that will help protect and replenish our environment; and

WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Alexandria as a Tree City USA every year since 1983, and the City views trees as a critical part of our environment which enrich our lives aesthetically as well as form the backbone of our urban habitat; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City of Alexandria's Arbor Day program, the City annually plants a tree on Alexandria Earth Day to symbolize the City's commitment to its natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Earth Day Committee in partnership with the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities sponsors the third annual Stream Clean-up at Four Mile Run Park and works with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to conduct an Electronics Recycling Collection initiative on April 27th; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Earth Day Committee, in partnership with the Buddie Ford Nature Center, promotes year-long Environmental Youth Independent Projects and conducts an Invasive Plant Identification and Removal activity on April 27th;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2002, as:

"ALEXANDRIA EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Alexandria and hereby commend all persons who are committed to and work towards preserving our environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of March 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk